

THE SISAL FIBER CROP

Yield From Large Hawaiian Acreage.

The directors of the Hawaiian Sisal Fiber Company held a special meeting yesterday morning at which W. C. Weedon, the Secretary and Treasurer, presented a report of his investigations into the sisal market for the product of the company's plantation at Sisal, near Ewa, Oahu, and presented also estimates for machinery with which to equip the plantation. Those present were Cecil Brown, President; W. C. Weedon, Secretary and Treasurer, and A. H. Turner, manager.

Reports were made at the meeting indicating that the industry in the Hawaiian Islands had passed the experimental stage, and that in the neighborhood of 150 acres of sisal would soon be taken off. After the reports were submitted and read a committee, consisting of the Secretary and manager, was appointed to make certain recommendations as to the machinery and equipment needed for a cleaning plant, the same to be submitted to the stockholders at their forthcoming annual meeting in February.

The Treasurer's report showed four points of interest. First, that Hawaii can successfully raise fiber to compete with products elsewhere; second, that sisal hemp is not likely to get as low in price as in former years; third, that conditions of land here, especially on the lower flats, are unexcelled for sisal production; fourth, the Treasurer believed that sisal hemp in Hawaii has a remarkable future before it, and affords a splendid inducement for the investment of capital.

The company controls about 3,000 acres at Sisal, Oahu, between 600 and 700 acres of which are laid out with sisal plants at the present time. The plants yield twice a year, averaging about a ton an acre. The prevailing price for sisal is good, and the company expects to realize well on their investment this year.

Mr. Weedon submitted a large amount of correspondence bearing upon the price of machinery, shafting, engines and presses, and upon the demand for sisal. In his report, presenting the result of his investigations on sisal, he said that having previously sent samples of the fiber to C. R. Dodge, the Special Agent on Fibres in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., he met him at the Pan-American Exposition. More samples of the local product were shown him, and giving them careful and critical examination, questioning him closely as to the character of the soil on the company's property, he pronounced the fiber of excellent quality, comparing favorably with any he had seen, and expressed the opinion that the future of the sisal industry was wonderfully well adapted to the cultivation of the true sisal plant.

Mr. Weedon made a visit to the Independent Cordage Company, of Toronto, Canada, and submitted to them three different growths of fiber samples. The members of the company were well pleased with them, especially the tensile strength when compared with some Manila fiber they had just received from the Philippines. The company expressed its willingness to take the entire product as it came along.

At Milwaukee he saw large distributors of sisal twine, and ascertained the demand for sisal twine beyond the supply and that all through the western States the farmers prefer the sisal twine. One factory manager sent a report on samples submitted to him for inspection, that they were superior. At Cleveland, Ohio, another distributor, concerned for twine were much interested in the samples shown by Mr. Weedon, and expressed a desire to take the entire output, offering a good price, f. o. b. ship at Honolulu. Mr. Filler, a prominent Philadelphia handler of twine, expressed every confidence in the success of the local enterprise. Mr. Weedon was shown samples of sisal received by this dealer from Porto Rico, which were inferior to the Hawaiian product. Mr. Filler asked to have a ton of the Hawaiian fiber shipped on to him that he might have it worked up and he could then determine the true value.

As to machinery, Mr. Weedon reported he had visited several factories manufacturing fiber machines. He saw the Albee Smith machine and made a test with some also leaves upon which it did very good work; the leaves, however, were young and green and the fiber undeveloped, but the machine was a fair one. He looked over a machine manufactured in Paterson, N. J., which he thought was a well-built machine, and he was assured that the machines were giving the best of satisfaction wherever used.

FALLING WALL CAUSE OF DEATH

(From Thursday's daily.)

While employed in demolishing the old offices of T. H. Davies & Co. early yesterday morning, Alexander Solomon, a native of Calcutta, was buried under a falling wall and instantly killed. Antonio Ferrera, a fellow-laborer, narrowly escaped the same fate.

Solomon was engaged with other laborers in the demolition of the Davies building on Kaahumanu street, and had just picked up a piece of iron to carry it away, when without a moment's warning, the brick wall under him with a crash, completely burying the unfortunate man. Ferrera barely had time to move away. It was some time before the men at work on the building realized what had happened, and they then started to move the big piles of bricks with a will. Solomon's body soon came to view but not a spark of life remained. The body was bent and twisted and it appeared as if every bone had been broken. The dead man was a native of Calcutta and came to Honolulu on a sailing vessel about thirty years ago. He was probably forty years of age and had been twice married, his second wife having been sent to the settlement at Molokai a few months ago. An inquest was

held over the remains yesterday afternoon and a verdict of accidental death returned.

The coroner's verdict found "That the said Alexander Solomon came to his death in Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1902, from injuries received due to an accident while employed in tearing down an old building, the property of T. H. Davies & Co., by having a large number of brick fall upon his person, thereby causing instantaneous death."

The verdict is signed by C. F. Chillingworth, coroner; William Savidge, Wm. H. Coney, P. Friedman, E. E. Mossman, W. A. Handy and Thos. R. Lucas, jury.

RUN OVER BY PAIN'S TRAM CAR

(From Thursday's daily.)

About nine o'clock last night a native named Kanai was run over by one of Pain's cars, near the King-street bridge, and sustained a broken leg and severe injuries to his head.

It appears that the injured man was walking along the car track a little way from the bridge when a car driven at a high rate of speed came along and knocked him down. Deputy Sheriff McGurn, who was near at hand, seeing that the man was badly hurt, telephoned for the patrol wagon. When it arrived Kanai was placed inside and taken to the Queen's hospital.

It was found that the unfortunate man had sustained a fracture of the left leg, below the knee. His nose was also broken.

When picked up Kanai appeared to be dazed. He was not drunk and his peculiar condition was a puzzle to those who saw him. He clung very tightly to a small bundle which he was carrying, and on the way to the hospital it became untied and two tins of opium fell out.

From this incident and Kanai's dazed condition, it looks as though he had been indulging in a quiet smoke, and was either too stupefied to realize the danger he was in from the approaching car or was unable to get out of the way of it. Up to a late hour last night the driver of the car had not been arrested.

PAIN PLANS TO KEEP UP FIGHT

That Pain's transit system will be on deck for some time yet, and that there promises to be another chapter of tramway politics in the Legislature, is foreshadowed by the following from the Home Rule Republican, Mrs. H. W. Wilcox's newspaper:

We do not see why the missionary or organ makes so many cartoons of Mr. Pain. He does not bother anybody. He only has cars that convey you all, you ungrateful beings. You people never kicked until the electric car came in sight. Now they are the real thing. But when rainy weather appears the Pain cars take the cake. We are sorry that we are not a conductor. We would make you all walk in the rain and storm, as the Pain cars are not good enough to carry you, you swells of the highest. But all we can say is that the Pain cars will never give up till the next Legislature, when he will have his beautiful electric cars running. The Home Rule party will support his bill, and don't you forget it. Mr. Pain had his electric cars here first, so we do not see why he should not have them running.

This should be good for another \$300 milk bill.

WILL PAY CARE OF PORTO RICAN

W. O. Smith, secretary of the Planters' Association, has informally notified the Board of Health of the willingness of the association to stand the expense of the care of the insane Porto Rican up to the present time. The bill for the treatment of the man at the Insane Asylum was presented to the association a few weeks ago, and payment was refused. Mr. Smith stated yesterday that he could promise the payment of the expense (something over a hundred dollars) up to the present time, but that the Planters' Association would not be longer responsible for the care of the Porto Rican, and did not intend to make this a precedent for future action. He said also that Mr. Gilman was not at all certain that he had agreed to care for the man, but to save further trouble the present expense would be borne. It is understood that the Board of Health will accept this settlement of what promised to be a vexing question, as recovery by legal process does not seem assured.

WAITEY BLOCK IS UNDER WAY

Ground was broken yesterday for the new Waitey building on King street adjoining the Collins building, and extending to the alley next adjoining the Metropolitan Meat Company.

The building will be constructed by the Hawaiian Engineering and Construction Company. It will be of brick and for the present will be only two stories in height, though the foundations are being built upon lines which will permit two stories being added in the future.

The plans for the building have been prepared by O. G. Traphagen, and the intention is to make the building one for stores below and offices above.

Lucas Brothers have been awarded by the same architect the contract for erection of the extension of the Davies & Company warehouses on Kaahumanu street.

AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA WARDED OFF.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold," she complained of pains in her chest, and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions, and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years, and have never known it to fail," says Jas. Prendergast, merchant, Annotto Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Sold by all dealers and druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for H. J.

BOLD BURGLAR CAUGHT WITH HEAVY IRON SAFE

(From Wednesday's daily.)

THE police think that in Manuel Claudina, who was arrested last night, they have at last, in safe-keeping, one of the parties responsible for some of the numerous burglaries which have occurred in Honolulu during the last few months.

Claudina, who is a young Porto Rican of small stature, was arrested last night by Captain Parker, in the house of Mrs. L. W. Hough, on Richards street, nearly opposite the palace gates. Mrs. Hough and her family and two boarders were eating supper in the house, when their attention was attracted by a noise in an adjoining room. Mr. Simpson and G. Crozier, who were of the party at the table, immediately left the room and proceeded to investigate the cause of the strange sounds.

They stealthily entered the next room, and a remarkable sight greeted their astonished visions. By the open window stood a man who was in the act of lowering a small iron safe from the room to the small. One of the young men went around by the outside, while the other stood by the door of the room, to cut off the burglar's retreat.

The intruder took alarm, however, and made a run for it, only to be captured just as he reached the street.

The police station was at once notified of the occurrence, and Captain Parker was soon on the scene. He placed the man under arrest, and took him and the safe to the station house, where he gave his name as Manuel Claudina, and said that he had come to the Islands a year ago. He strenuously denied knowing anything about the safe, which was found on the island and was held for investigation. With the safe were found two valuable silk dresses which the thief had helped himself to and dropped in his flight.

The safe is a tolerably heavy affair, weighing over thirty pounds, and is a very cumbersome thing to carry. It is a few words to make clear the several issues involved by the recent action of our Diocesan Synod, the result of which was the subject of the notice issued on Dec. 27. It is unfortunate that what he intended to print could not have been submitted to me prior to publication. What I wish particularly to be corrected is the statement that I am supposed to have made to the effect that all persons who do not register will be considered as not being members of the church. Nothing that I said was intended to convey any such meaning. I did endeavor to point out that there being no place under the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church for an organization such as that of the Second Congregation, the members of that congregation would not be so many individual members of the church within the cathedral parish. By registering the communicants of that congregation would have the right of voting for the year 1902. If they did not register they would have no voice in any election till January, 1903, for no further change will be made in the government of the cathedral in April. But no one

THE CURRENT PHASES OF ANGLICAN CHURCH TROUBLE

EDITOR ADVERTISER: Will you, with your usual courtesy, allow me space to correct the statements made in your issue this morning under the above heading, and apparently taken from the Star of yesterday evening. I attribute no blame to the reporter of the Star, if on a Tuesday morning, in the middle of letters for the Kinai, I failed in a few words to make clear the several issues involved by the recent action of our Diocesan Synod, the result of which was the subject of the notice issued on Dec. 27. It is unfortunate that what he intended to print could not have been submitted to me prior to publication. What I wish particularly to be corrected is the statement that I am supposed to have made to the effect that all persons who do not register will be considered as not being members of the church. Nothing that I said was intended to convey any such meaning. I did endeavor to point out that there being no place under the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church for an organization such as that of the Second Congregation, the members of that congregation would not be so many individual members of the church within the cathedral parish. By registering the communicants of that congregation would have the right of voting for the year 1902. If they did not register they would have no voice in any election till January, 1903, for no further change will be made in the government of the cathedral in April. But no one

BRITISH TRADE OUTLOOK.

How the Old Country Begins the New Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Great Britain's iron trade seems to be on the down grade, according to the Tribune's London representative. The production of pig-iron in 1901 is estimated at about 2,800,000 tons, as compared with 2,100,000 tons in 1900 and 2,251,000 tons in 1899, and although the production of steel should come nearly up to the standard of 1900, when it totaled 1,340,000 tons of ingots of all kinds, the total quantity of manufactured iron will show a big falling off. The shipments of pig-iron will be raised by the end of the year to 17,000,000 tons, or within 60,000 tons of the quantity shipped in 1900.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There has been an improvement in the coasting trade, but the foreign shipments will show a large reduction and the prospects for 1902 are not of a rosy character, says a dispatch to the Tribune from London.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The British consul at Marseilles, in a long report on the competition of American coal with British coal in Mediterranean ports, arrived at the conclusion that American competition will only become dangerous to the British trade if high prices continue to rule in England, and if American shipping interests succeed in securing the passage of a bounty bill, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune.

SMALL BURGLING.

On Tuesday Night the Local Cracksmen Attempted Two Jobs.

Robberies continue to be reported to the police and the arrest of the offenders seems to be as far off as ever. About midnight on Tuesday an attempt was made to burglarize George Paris place near Thomas square. Mr. Paris heard a noise, caused by the clicking of a door latch, and proceeded to investigate. He next heard the sound of footsteps retreating down the pathway leading to the house. The burglar had evidently been scared by Mr. Paris' movements, and came to the conclusion that it was time to be going.

On the same evening some one broke into the Emmeluth building on King street, but got nothing. Entrance was effected through the back window of the office which opens out on Lewers and Cooke's lumber yard.

there must be money in it.

Claudina denied to an Advertiser reporter that he had had anything to do with the safe. He denied, in fact, that he had been inside Mrs. Hough's house. He said that about 6.45 o'clock last night he was passing along Richards street and saw two countrymen of his, a man and a woman, rush out of Mr. Hough's garden and disappear down the street. He walked on, wondering why the couple had acted so strangely, and it was not long before two men came out of the house, grabbed him and sent for a policeman. At the police station he stated that he lived in a house adjoining the brewery. He said that he did not know where the man and woman lived who had run away.

Soon after Claudina had been locked up, a man arrived at the police station and casually mentioned that about 6.30 p. m., while walking along Queen street, he had seen Antonio Colon, a notorious Porto Rican woman, with two Porto Rican men, going across the Judiciary grounds from Queen street toward the Opera House. In reply to a question from Captain Parker, he stated that the woman was living in a house kept by an Italian, back of the brewery.

Captain Parker immediately dispatched officers in search of Antonio Colon, and she was found in the house mentioned by Captain Parker's informant, together with another Porto Rican, by name Olympia Mendez. They were taken to the police station, along with a trunk found in the room. The trunk was opened, and in it were found a number of silver spoons and a quantity of rich silk which Mendez said he had purchased on a plantation.

He denied having had anything to do with the robbery at Mrs. Hough's house, and was held for investigation. Antonio Colon admitted that she had been on Queen street at the time mentioned by Captain Parker, but said that she knew nothing of the matter of the safe. She was allowed to go after a searching examination.

The police will investigate the matter thoroughly today. Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth has no doubt but that Claudina is the man who attempted to get away with the safe, and is of the opinion that through his arrest a number of recent crimes in the burglary line will be satisfactorily cleared up.

will lose any of his church privileges by not registering, any more than one's rights of citizenship are impaired by not exercising the privilege of voting. St. Andrew's Cathedral is the parish church of all persons in Honolulu who are members either of the Anglican Church in Hawaii, or of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and thither all should resort for all the ministrations of religion and all are welcome. At the same time it is open to any person who so desires to create a new parochial organization and build a new church, with the consent of the ecclesiastical authority. What is taking place now is that for which members of the Second Congregation sent a special delegate to San Francisco, and they should be the last persons to complain. As I pointed out to a deputation from the Second Congregation, no ground whatever remains for strife or division. The alternative is before you which can be chosen in peace and harmony. On the one hand you have the cathedral in which to worship, or on the other hand the city is now large enough for another church to be built. But for any to entertain the idea that an organization like that of the Second Congregation can continue under the constitution to which we have acceded is as absurd as were the hopes of some among the planters that contract labor could continue to exist under American laws.

ALFRED WILLIS, Bishop of Honolulu, January 8, 1902.

MAILE ILIMA.

Promising Athletic Club Shows Signs of Going Right Ahead.

William Heilbron and Charles Elston have been elected members of the Maile Ilima Athletic Club.

The club will give a dance on February 21st in order to raise money to pay some of the expenses of the organization. Frank Rowland, Fred Wright and Paul Jarrett form a committee to arrange details.

The Secretary has written to the Secretary of the Olympic Club of San Francisco for the by-laws of the American Amateur League. It is proposed to form a league of all local athletic clubs for the purpose of protecting amateur sport.

In future all Maile Ilima men who distinguish themselves in athletics will earn the right to wear the club's monogram on a white sweater.

An out-door basketball team is in process of formation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

December 28.—Henry Gorman and wife to G. L. Samson, lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 40, Kaimuki tract, Honolulu, Oahu. Consideration, \$5,000.

G. L. Samson and wife to Mary Gorman, lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 40, Kaimuki tract, Honolulu, Oahu. Consideration, \$5,000.

Charles S. Desky and wife to John T. Moir, lot 14, Pacific Heights, Honolulu, Oahu. Consideration, \$3,500.

L. C. Ables and wife to H. Waterhouse & Co., Trs., lot 6, Kaahoe tract, Honolulu, Oahu. Consideration, \$1,875.

H. Waterhouse & Co., Trs., to John W. Short, lot 6, Kaahoe tract, Honolulu, Oahu. Consideration, \$2,500.

December 29.—Wailuku Sugar Company to C. Brewer & Co., Ltd., portions of Kuls, 2459 and 5223, Vineyard and Church streets, Wailuku, Maui. Consideration, \$2,000.

The greater part of the \$50,000 additional allowed the Public Works Department will be expended upon roads, bridges and other improvements in Hawaii and other Islands. Mr. Boyd stated yesterday that it is not to be decided whether the Kewala drainage system, but that this matter was still to be decided by the Executive Council.

UNION MEN WANT WORK

Plans for a Fight on Oriental Labor.

BUILDERS and members of the organized building trades are discussing a plan for the bringing to the attention of the authorities at Washington the employment of Oriental workmen upon public building construction. There has been no formal action upon the part either of the organization of the building contractors or of the labor unions, but informal discussions have been had, and it is very likely that a meeting for the purpose will be held soon.

The result of the suits brought against Campbell by the labor men caused much dissatisfaction, and there has been a desire to bring about an understanding of the matter at Washington since that time. While it is realized that there is no statute which prohibits the employment of Orientals upon public works, it is believed that the fact that the members of Congress without exception perhaps, would work to prevent any contracts being given to men who employ other than union labor, would have the effect of causing an investigation on the part of the navy and war departments here, as to conditions governing the prosecution of the work which is going on.

As the matter is put by men who have taken prominent part in the primary discussions of the matter, it is not for the past, but the future that the contractors and men are working. That is, they have lost a fight in the courts over the eight-hour proposition and the navy station work has been done by Oriental workmen, but they are looking to the great contracts which are to be expected when the time comes for the letting of the works which are to be constructed at Pearl Harbor, and for the Army Department in the matter of the establishment of a post here.

Some information as to conditions has gone to the States in the sending of reports of the trial of the sub-contractor for the naval work to the heads of the labor unions which are interested. "This without doubt," has been placed at the disposal of the committees of the labor unions there, and it is expected there will be some action taken. There will be upwards of 500 men employed at the work on the Pearl Harbor naval station, and the permanent army barracks, if the appropriations for these improvements are made soon. It is to this work that the men who are at the head of the various associations are now looking. They want assurance that there will be only the labor of citizens employed in the building of the offensive and defensive works.

The labor men feel that they have great hopes of the fight being successful owing to the fact that there was such complete victory in the battle made against any Oriental labor on the transports of the United States. When this matter was taken up by California members and Senators, there were Chinese crews on the various vessels carrying soldiers and supplies, but these were all displaced. While there was no specific law against such action there was a feeling that there could be no justice in protection for union workmen in labor on public works in the States, and the employment of cheap crews on a War Department ship.

EXTENSION TO CATHOLIC CONVENT

(From Thursday's daily.)

Bids will be opened today for the construction of the makai extension to the new Catholic convent building on Fort street. The extension will fill in the space between the makai wall of the new building and the small one-story building used as a billiard establishment, and it will conform to the style of architecture in the building now in course of completion.

The building, which is now receiving the finishing touches from the cementors beautifying the front walls, will soon be ready to receive the pupils who are now using the old frame building. The latter will then be demolished, and the erection of the extension begun. This method of building the structure in two parts was done so as not to interfere with the class work of the convent.

When the building is completed the sidewalk and curbing will be set back to accord with the new curb line established for the entire length of Fort street. The Fort street front of the convent building is about two feet from the sidewalk line, leaving room for the erection of a handsome iron fence which will probably be patterned after that surrounding the capitol grounds.

Some apprehension has been shown as to the fate of the giant algaroba tree which flourishes in the mauka end of the Catholic church property, a tree historic in Honolulu, as having been planted by Father Bachelder, and the first to be set into the soil of these Islands. The trunk will project slightly upon the new sidewalk, but owing to its historic character, it will not be harmed by the axe. The only difficulty lies in the fact that the limbs project into the space in the corner lot and will be in the way should a building be erected thereon. In this case the limbs will be carefully lopped off, and care taken not to injure the trunk. The latter will probably be enclosed by a circular fence where it projects upon the sidewalk.

The Pacific Heights Railway Company is soon to be incorporated to take over the business of the road now being operated on Pacific Heights. The capital of the new company is \$125,000. The officers of the corporation are as follows: C. S. Desky, president and manager; F. M. Hatch, vice president; J. G. Pratt, secretary and treasurer; A. A. Young, auditor; J. B. Atherton, George P. Castle and H. P. Baldwin, directors.

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Olaa Assessments.

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Interest will be charged on assessments unpaid ten (10) days after the same are due at the rate of 1 per cent per month from the date on which such assessments are due.

The above assessments will be payable at the office of the B. F. Dillingham Company, Limited, Stangenwald Building. ELMER E. PAXTON, Treasurer Olaa Sugar Company, Ltd. Honolulu, T. H., July 20, 1901. 231

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AGENTS.

W. W. Goodale, of Wailua plantation, was in the city yesterday on business.